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SUBJECT: GENEVA CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR: PRG ISSUE

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1. ON JAN 19, EMBOFF MADE DEMARCHE AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL TO YUSUF SHARARA, ACTING HEAD OF MFA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION. SHARARA HAD OBVIOUSLY NOT FOCUSED ON PRG ISSUE PRIOR TO MEETING, BUT SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD US POINT ON APPLICABILITY RULE 32, AND OUR REQUEST THAT, SHOULD CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN'S RULING BE CHALLENGED, GOE SUPPORT CHAIRMAN'S DECISION. HE WAS, HOWEVER, TOTALLY NONCOMITTAL RE GOE INTENTIONS.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IF INVITATION ISSUE ITSELF IS RAISED, GOE IS VERY UNLIKELY SEE WAY CLEAR TO OPPOSE REOPENING OF PRG ISSUE. EMBOFF CONSEQUENTLY MADE STRONG PITCH FOR ABSTENTION ON GROUNDS QUESTION HAS ALREADY BEEN SETTLED, AND THAT
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CONFERENCE SHOULD NOW GET DOWN TO WORK ON ITS FULL AGENDA.

ON THIS POINT, TOO, SHARARA WAS NONCOMITTAL.

3. PLO PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE WAS NOT RAISED BY EMBOFF
OR SHARARA (REFTEL, PARA 32).

4. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH MFA WITHIN THE WEEK, AFTER SHARARA
HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY STUDY OUR AIDE MEMOIRE.

5. FYI: SHARARA SAID GOE DEL TO CONFERENCE IS NOT YET
DETERMINED, BUT CHIEF OF DEL WILL PROBABLY BE MAHMUD ABD AL-NASR,
OF EGYPTIAN MISSION, GENEVA.
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